# Laboratory Accreditation System Executive Committee Meeting Minutes Thursday, April 27, 2023 1:30 pm Eastern

### 1) Welcome and Roll Call

Maria opened the meeting. Attendance is recorded in Attachment A. The minutes of March 23, 2023, were approved unanimously after a motion by Mike, seconded by Harold.

2) Response from CSDEC Regarding LASEC Review of Standards Documents

Bob Wyeth, the CSDP Program Administrator, has been on vacation and was unable to respond to Maria's inquiry prior to this meeting.

3) Comments on Revised TNI Voting SOP 1-102 and Revised POL 1-100, Creating or Revising General Policies and Procedures for TNI

These two documents were revised to accommodate the Board's directive that TNI will have only one Voting SOP, so that the specialized voting procedures for both the NELAP Accreditation Council and the Consensus Standards Development Program have been incorporated into SOP 1-102, and POL 1-100 revised to specify that if a policy or procedure created by Policy Committee affects specific program activities (as opposed to general TNI operations), it shall be reviewed in draft form by the affected committees prior to approval by Policy. Jerry has requested comments from NELAP and CSDEC prior to the May Board meeting

The NELAP AC had a few comments, and Maria noted that several of the notes within the definitions contain information that properly belongs in the text of the Voting SOP – Note 1 in Matters Relating to Accreditation that specifies two-thirds of members must be present for the AC to initiate such a vote, the note in the Super-Majority definition that specifies the requirement for two-thirds of the AC to vote in favor (not just two-thirds of those present at the meeting), and the note in SIR Needs Discussion definition that specifies that such a vote requires that the SIR be brought to an AC meeting for discussion. These comments will be returned to Jerry for consideration by Policy Committee prior to final approval.

## 4) Revised SIR Management SOP 3-105

Silky graciously did the revisions to this SOP, as the comments returned to LASEC were vague but she was present at the Policy Committee meetings where the document was reviewed. Several different sets of comments from a "partial review" have been returned to LASEC, and we have attempted to address those, but it is now the consensus of the full committee that we request a final and complete review of the next submission of an LASEC revision, both to stop the repeated cycle of partial review/revision/return and so that LASEC can address everything and provide a complete and accurate flow chart that will not need further revision.

One instance of duplicate subsections was noted, and resolved. With that minor edit, Bill moved and Louise seconded that the SOP be approved, and in accordance with the revised TNI Voting SOP 1-102, a roll call vote was taken to ensure that the required

super-majority approval was present. All ten (10) members present (of thirteen total) voted in favor of approval. The approved document has been forwarded to Policy Committee.

#### 4) Revised Implementation Guidance SOP 3-114

Lynn briefly explained the additional language added to section 6 in response to Policy's request that the SOP explain how it follows the TNI Document Control SOP 1-104 for IGs. Mike moved and Shari seconded that the document be approved, and the vote was unanimously in favor. Note: as IGs are not binding like SIRs, a super-majority vote is not required, although in this instance, the vote was indeed a super-majority, ten of thirteen. The approved document has been forwarded to Policy Committee.

#### 5) Review of Revised Draft Standard V2M1 Revision 1 and Recommendation to NELAP AC

As the meeting time was expired, this review was tabled until the May meeting. Since the comment period closes on June 30, there will still be ample time to convey LASEC's recommendation to the NELAP AC.

#### 6) New Business

There was no new business.

#### 7) Next Meeting

The next LASEC meeting will be on Thursday, May 25, 2023, at 1:30 pm Eastern. An agenda and any needed documents will be provided in advance.

The next SIR Subcommittee teleconference will be on Thursday, May 18, 2023, assuming that there are SIRs to be reviewed.

# Attachment A TNI LABORATORY ACCREDITATION SYSTEMS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ROSTER

|    | NAME                               | EMAIL                              | Term End<br>Date     | INTEREST                     | AFFILIATION                     | S/H<br>CATEGORY | PRESENT |
|----|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|---------|
| 1  | Maria Friedman,<br>Chair           | <u>qamfriedman@gmail.com</u>       | 1/23 (first<br>term) | SIRs                         | CA ELAP                         | AB              | Yes     |
| 2  | Harold<br>Longbaugh,<br>Vice Chair | harold.longbaugh@<br>houstontx.gov | 1/25 (3nd<br>term)   | SIRs                         | Houston Lab                     | Lab             | Yes     |
| 3  | Aaren Alger                        | Aaren.s.alger@gmail.com            | 1/23<br>(first term) | SIRs,<br>Assessment<br>Forum | Alger Consulting & Training     | Other           | Yes     |
| 4  | Patty Carvajal                     | pmcarvajal@sara-tx.org             | 1/25 (first<br>term) |                              | San Antonio<br>River Authority  | Lab             | Yes     |
| 5  | Stacie Crandall                    | scrandall@hrsd.com                 | 1/24 (first<br>term) | SIRs                         | Hampton Roads Sanitation Distr. | Lab             | No      |
| 6  | Mike Delaney                       | mike@mikedelaney.org               | 1/23 (first<br>term) |                              | Retired (MWRA)                  | Other           | Yes     |
| 7  | Jack Farrell                       | aex@ix.netcom.com                  | 1/25 (second term)   | Mentor<br>Session            | Analytical<br>Excellence        | Other           | No      |
| 8  | Brian Hulme                        | Hulme.brian@epa.gov                | 1/26 (first<br>term) |                              | EPA R2                          | Other           | Yes     |
| 9  | Silky Labie                        | elcatllc@centurylink.net           | 1/25 (second term)   | SIRs                         | ELCAT                           | Other           | No      |
| 10 | Bill Hall                          | George.W.Hall@des.nh.gov           | 1/25 (second term)   | SIRs                         | NH ELAP                         | NELAP AB        | Yes     |
| 11 | Louise<br>McGinley                 | louise.mcginley@tceq.texas.gov     | 1/25 (second term)   | SIRs                         | TCEQ                            | NELAP AB        | Yes     |
| 12 | Shari Pfalmer                      | Shari.pfalmer@pacelabs.com         | 1/25 (first<br>term) |                              | Pace Analytical                 | Lab/FSMO        | Yes     |
| 13 | Michele Potter                     | michele.potter@dep.nj.gov          | 1/24 (second term)   |                              | NJ DEP                          | NELAP AB        | Yes     |

# Associate Members

| Debbie Bond         | DBOND@southernco.com          | SIRs                            | Alabama Power             | Lab              | Yes |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|-----|
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| Carl Kircher        | carl.kircher@doh.state.fl.us  |                                 | FL DOH                    | NELAP AB         | No  |
| Dorothy Love        | dorothylove@ET.eurofinsus.com | Mentor<br>Session               | Eurofins<br>Environmental | Lab              | No  |
| Mitzi Miller        | mitzi.mqc@gmail.com           | Mentor Session<br>& Assmt Forum | Retired                   | Other            | No  |
| Judy Morgan         | Judy.Morgan@pacelabs.com      | Assessment<br>Forum             | Pace Analytical           | Lab/FSMO         | No  |
| William Ray         | Bill Ray@williamrayllc.com    |                                 | Wm Ray Consultants        | Other            | No  |
| Mohan<br>Sabaratnam | msabaratnam@iasonline.org     |                                 | IAS                       | AB<br>(non-gov.) | No  |
| Nick Straccione     | nstraccione@emsl.com          | Mentor Session                  | EMSL                      | Lab              | No  |
| Katie Strothman     | katie@sanderslabs.net         |                                 | Sanders Labs              | Lab              | No  |

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| Lynn Bradley   |                                  |  |  |     |